

OWASIPPE LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW



CHICAGO COUNCIL--BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

THE ARROW SONG

Firm bound in brotherhood
Gather the clan that cheerful service
Bring to fellow man.
Circle our council fire,
Weld tightly every link
That binds us in brotherhood,
Wimachtendienk.

"OH MY FATHER I AM READY
SEND ME ON THIS GRACIOUS ERRAND"



Uncas, son of the aged Chingachgook thus announced to his Tribe, the Delawares, that he was ready to go forth and help his people even at the cost of his own life. You too, in a different manner have served those about you and because of this, they have seen fit to elect you to membership in the Order of the Arrow, which in the language of the Lenni Lenape Indians is termed - Wimachtendienk W.W.

CONGRATULATIONS

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On your achievement of membership in our Brotherhood. We are confident this honor was wisely bestowed. We trust you have been inspired toward a lifelong purpose of cheerful service.

In order that you may be better acquainted with your Lodge, we have prepared this guide for you. If you have any questions unanswered by the information herein, your Chief or Executive Scribe will be glad to hear from you.

THE OWASIPPE LODGE

The Owasippe Lodge takes its name from our camp, the Owasippe Scout Camps, named after the great Indian Chieftain of the Pottawatamie Tribe. The legend of Owasippe and his two sons is part of our tradition, inseparably woven into the history of our camps. You will recall how his sons went off to achieve the status of "brave". You too were sent on a period of testing, and that you are now with us proves you succeeded. Our Order is unique in that its members are elected by those outside its ranks.

Each chapter of the Owasippe Lodge has its own organization and program. Their meetings may include such activities as game nights, business meetings, Brotherhood instruction, overnight and day hikes and Camp promotion meetings.

There are also two annual Lodge functions in which the combined membership of all the Chapters participate. They are the Fellowship Council and the Lodge Banquet during Christmas week.

Each Chapter has at some time during the year its own "Chapter Banquet". They also conduct a Fellowship Council, during which they will induct into the Order any approved "Candidate" elected during the year. Ordeal Honor members also are elevated to the Brotherhood Honor if they have been approved.

CHAPTERS

BLACKHAWK CHAPTER-----WESTSIDE DISTRICT
CHECAUGAU CHAPTER-----NORTHWEST DISTRICT
GARRISON CHAPTER-----SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
MOQUA CHAPTER-----SOUTHSHORE DISTRICT
TAKODAH CHAPTER-----DOUGLAS DISTRICT
WAKAY CHAPTER-----NORTHSHORE DISTRICT

We are proud of our organization, it is a living group. Its life is assured and its ideals will survive just as long as individuals such as yourself become vitally interested in carrying out what so many before you have undertaken***to render "unselfish service to others."

In the summer of 1915 the Directors of Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Camp, finding it desirable to have some definite system of recognition of those Scouts who stood out in their exemplification of the oath and law, organized the Wimachtendienk, W.W., later known as the Order of the Arrow. Its first meetings and ceremonies were held in a bit of woods not generally used for activity purposes. Here they created a council ring, where all honors, including promotions in Scout rank, were awarded. As the highest camp honor, one Scout previously chosen by each Troop, or Provisional Troop, at the end of its stay in camp was inducted into this the beginnings of the Order. After the public ceremonials, those candidates who have previously undergone the ordeal, were with appropriate ceremony, admitted to the order.

From that time forward the Order has been centered in the camp program not only at this its original home, but in the hundreds of councils now operating Lodges. Progress was slow in the beginning with respect to the development of additional Lodges. The plan of organizing and utilizing the Scouts of finest spirit in camp proved so helpful from many aspects that Lodges were formed in several other councils.

The first World War temporarily interfered with the extension of the Order but by 1921 the experimental period had produced sufficient experience for the establishment of the general basic policies, and the permanent organization of the Order on a national basis was undertaken.

The first National Convention convened in Philadelphia on October 7, 1921, and a National Lodge composed of all of the constituent local Lodges represented by four delegates from each was formed and took over the affairs of the Order, adopted a Constitution and a statement of policies, and appointed committees to develop further details.

Following this initial convention, a steady progressive growth in Lodges and membership was noted. Successive National Lodge meetings were held annually,

later bi-ennially. In November 1929, at the National Lodge meeting some discussion was had pointing to the adoption of the Order by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America as a component part of its program. At the session of the National Lodge in 1933, at the Owasippe Scout camps, summer camps of the Chicago Council, this proposal was definitely made and ratified by the delegates present.

On June 2, 1934, at the National Council meeting of the Boy Scouts of America, in Buffalo, the Order was approved by the National Council.

In May 1948, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, on recommendation of its Committee on Camping and Special Events, approved the complete integration of the Order of the Arrow in the program of the movement. This action, resulted in the dissolution of the National Lodge of the Order, and brought its national supervision directly within the regular administrative channels of the Boy Scouts of America. Thus the National Executive Committee of the Order became the National Committee on the Order of the Arrow, a sub-committee of the National Committee on Camping and Special Events. Authority was given at this time for the employment of a staff member, in the National Service of Camping and Special Events at the Home Office, to handle administrative duties under the Director of the Service.

THE OWASIPPE LODGE AND ITS CHAPTERS

The order of the Arrow was adopted by the Chicago Council as part of its program in 1921. Originally, each Scout Camp was granted a separate charter by the National Lodge but in 1928 all local lodges merged and the Owasippe Lodge was formed. The Owasippe Lodge takes its name from our camp, the Owasippe Scout Camps, named after the great Indian chieftain of the Pottawatamie Tribe.

The Lodge is chartered by the National Lodge and is composed of all members inducted through the Chicago Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Lodge is further subdivided into self-governed Chapters, which are represented on the Lodge Executive Council by delegates.

PURPOSE OF THE LODGE

To "catch the higher vision" of Uncas in the legend and to apply the spirit of cheerful service to Scout camping, the National Lodge set forth a four-fold purpose of the Order of the Arrow, Wilmachtendienk W.W.

- (1) To recognize those campers (Scouts and Scouters) who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.
- (2) To develop and maintain camp tradition and spirit.
- (3) To promote Scout Camping.
- (4) To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose in unselfish service to others.

Three principles embody the spirit of these high ideals -

CHEERFUL SERVICE
BROTHERHOOD
CAMPING

Through all of these permeates the foundation of the Order

LEADERSHIP

SERVICE TO YOUR TROOP AND CHAPTER

You can start by attending every meeting. Going out of your way to get acquainted with your fellow members. Take part in the business of the meetings. If you do not clearly understand what is taking place inquire of the older members.

Your Chapter has many service committees. Seek out the chairman of the Service and Ideals committee and offer your services. Tell him how much time you have at your disposal.

Your membership in the Order of the Arrow should strengthen your Troop affiliation. If you have a position that carries responsibilities, give your best service, help your Troop to grow and be active in Troop, community, and council activities.

Truly, the world of opportunity for service is yours. The order of the Arrow is yours - "Weld tightly every link," and remember - "He that serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest."

ORDER OF THE ARROW HONORS

There are three honors which may be conferred on members of the Order.

The first honor is the Ordeal honor. This is given to those campers who, in the judgement of the fellow-campers from their troop, best exemplify the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law. You recall that you were received with the Understanding that was "not so much for what you have done, as for what you are expected to do."

The second is known as the Brotherhood honor. After a sufficient period of time to allow the Ordeal honor member to learn the meaning of the Order, and having reached the age of 15 he may be considered for this degree. Having absorbed and practiced the Obligation you took, you must show "BROTHERHOOD" in order to gain the honor.

The third and highest is the Vigil honor. This is reserved for those brothers who have long and outstandingly served Scouting, the Camps, and the Order to an unusual degree. In order to receive the Vigil honor a member's record must be approved by the Chapter, the Owasippe Lodge, and the National Lodge.

ARROW INSIGNIA

You can secure the Order Insignia at the Camp Trading Post during the summer, or in the Camping Service of the Chicago Council Office, 9 West Washington Street, throughout the rest of the year.

There are three types of pins, the Ordeal Pin, The Brotherhood Pin of the Owasippe Lodge, (for members of the Honor), bearing the Owasippe Lodge Totem, and the Vigil Pin.

The sash may be worn by members of the Ordeal Honor, Brotherhood and Vigil honors.

Sashes should be worn at all Arrow affairs. Wear it point upwards, over your right shoulder for Ordeal Honor. For Brotherhood and Vigil Honor it is worn over the left shoulder.

A GUIDE TO PRONUNCIATION

Just how to pronounce some of the words used in the Arrow, has been a question. Herewith we present a key to their pronunciation which should be a considerable help.

Ahoalton.....	Ah-ho-al-ton
Allow Sakima.....	Al-lo-wot-sa-kee-ma
Chicgachgook.....	Ching-gatch-gook
Eluwak.....	El-oo-wok
Gegyjumhet.....	Gay-gay-yew-met
Kichkinet.....	Kitch-kin-et
Kittakima.....	Kit-ta-kee-ma
Lekhikit.....	Leck-hee-ket
Lenni Lenape.....	Len-nee- Len-ah-pee
Mawachpo.....	Mahwock-po
Meteu.....	Mee-tay-o
Nacheneyit.....	Na-shen-nay-it
Natami.....	Nah-tah-mee
Uncas.....	Un-cuss
Wajauwe.....	Wah-joe-wee
Wimachtendienk.....	Wee-mok-ten-dee-enk
Wingilauchik.....	Win-go-louch-sick
Witahemui.....	Wi-tah-hem-oo-ee

a, as in ask, grass
ou, as in out

u, as in under
oo, as in look

LODGE POLICIES

The democratic policies on which our Order is founded are safeguarded by the Owasippe Lodge By-Laws, in conformance with the policies of the National Lodge Constitution.

Through the medium of the By-Laws, the activities of the Lodge and its Chapters are directed and Requirements for Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honors are developed and upheld.

Each Chapter exists Through Authority of the Owasippe Lodge. The Chapter may elect certain Officers who, with other members of the Chapter Comprise the Executive Committee of the Chapter. Each Chapter has a Chief, Senior Vice Chief, Junior Vice Chief, Guardian of the Trail, Treasurer, Secretary and Meteu. The Chief of the Fire is the Camp Director or the District Executive.

Each Chapter has its own Treasury. The Owasippe Lodge receives funds from the Council Camping Service (and any overage from Fellowships or any other Arrow functions.)

Copies of the By-Laws are in the hands of every Chapter Chief and members can review them at their convenience.

Each Chapter appoints Four Delegates to the Owasippe Lodge Executive Council. This Council guides the destinies of the Owasippe Lodge and the several Chapters. The Executive Council revises the By-Laws when necessary, interprets them, authorizes Lodge activities, develops educational material, and handles all affairs of the Lodge. The Chapters are responsible to the Executive Council for their actions. The Chief of the Lodge, the Vice Chief, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Meteu are elected by the Executive Council of the Lodge. They act as the Officers of the Lodge.

COUNCIL OFFICERS OF THE LODGE ARE -

1. Supreme Chief-of-the-Fire
Scout Executive
2. Deputy Supreme Chief-of-the-Fire
Director, Camping and Activities Service
3. Chief-of-the-Fire
Chief Camp Director

FOR AUTOGRAPHS AND NOTES

Home Troop Scoutmaster

Order of the Arrow Sponsor

